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## ABSTRACT

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Staff of the Japan Documentation Center

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tive in Tokyo is Mr. Tadashi Yamamoto, Executive Director of the Japan Center for International Exchange. Mr. Yamamoto has extensive contacts which greatly facilitate the collection of materials usually difficult to obtain and has a staff that has expended considerable time and imagination in building the basic collection of the Center.

The Bibliographer of the Center is Miss Fumiko Mori. Miss Mori received her B. A. degree from Kyoto University and her M. I. A. degree from Columbia University and is fluent in Japanese and English. She exercises overall responsibility for the Center in consultation with a committee of Professors James Morley, Gerald Curtis, Herbert Passin and James Nakamura.

#### Current Status of the Japan Documentation Center

The Tokyo office of the Center began in the summer of 1970 to contact a large number of organizations for providing materials to the Center.

During this period, emphasis was placed on having the Tokyo office collect materials on a non-selective basis. Our purpose was to establish contact with as many organizations as possible without concern in this early stage for judging the value of materials received. The materials began to arrive at Columbia in late November 1970. Additional documents, reports, and other publications have been received regularly since that time. The Center was located temporarily at the East Asian Institute in Kent Hall up to September 1971 when it moved to the Herbert Lehman Library in the new International Affairs Building. From September, due to the continuous dock strikes on the west coast, the pace of receiving materials from Japan slowed down but it recovered in December 1971. Meanwhile, in late October, the Bibliographer of the Center visited the Tokyo office and had extensive

discussions about our activities, research interests and future plans.

The New York office and the Tokyo office have established good communications not only with regard to general guidelines but also with regard to detailed information.

The New York office does extensive research on current topics in Japan through magazines, newspapers and academic papers in order to search for the latest materials which should be obtained. By frequently corresponding with the Tokyo office we obtain them efficiently and quickly. The Center in New York also pays close attention to the publication of materials in English both in the United States and Japan and if necessary purchases them for the use of students and scholars. We concentrate, however, on current materials in the Japanese language.

Other than collecting and sorting materials, the Center also maintains a clipping service. Since October 1, 1970, the Center has been subscribing to two Japanese newspapers: the Asahi Shimbun and the Japan Times. These newspapers are received daily by air mail and are being clipped and filed in binders for reference under 52 subject headings (see Appendix I: "Newspaper Clipping File Subject Headings"). At present, the Center has a continuous record of clippings from October 1, 1970 to February 1, 1972. Our policy is to keep the latest two months' issues without being clipped since the combination of clipping according to the subjects and displaying the latest two months' issues seems to be most effective for researchers and students.

Another function of the Center in New York is to provide assistance to researchers and students on campus and to those who seek information about Japan from outside campus such as businessmen, journalists and students

from other universities. The Bibliographer not only tries to give information for materials which are available on campus but also helps in making contacts with other institutions.

In order to present a more detailed picture of our operations, the list in Appendices presents the names of organizations from which we receive materials (see Appendix II: "Organizations From Which Materials Are Received--as of March 23, 1972").

#### Future Plans

The period between the fall of 1970 when the Center was established and the spring of 1972 has been an initial organizing period. We have tried to formulate Center policies very carefully in order to maximize its value as a unique aid to Japanese studies. We believe that our efforts to date have already amply shown that our approach is enriching the research source of social science in Japanese studies.

Considering the fact that almost all of the materials we have been receiving are on contemporary affairs, it is vital that we keep as close contact as possible with the Tokyo office in order to fulfill the research needs here at Columbia. The service of the Tokyo office has been proving very satisfactory considering the limited time and human resources they have and difference of custom and the characteristics of human relationship between the two countries in terms of contacting various governmental and private organizations. However, depending on only the Tokyo office all the times sometimes causes unnecessary technical procedures in corresponding and contacting the organizations we are interested in. For this reason the

Center in New York also tries to explore new contacts as much as possible through its own channels.

Although the volume of the Center's materials is still small, new materials are flowing in; user requests also are increasing not only from researchers within the Columbia area, but also from those who are distant from New York City. It may become necessary in the future to establish some regular system of microfilming, preferably, within the context of the operation of the whole library system, not just of the Center's operation. Up to now we have been paying particular attention to the governmental agencies and political parties. In the future, we plan to expand our attention to various research and other institutions and explore the possibilities of obtaining materials through some kind of exchange program.

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Appendix I

Newspaper Clipping File Subject Headings -- as of March 23, 1972

Domestic Politics

Anti-War Movement  
Cabinet and Ministries  
Defense  
Democratic Socialist Party  
Diet Affairs  
Japan Communist Party  
Japan Socialist Party  
Joint Opposition Parties  
Kōmeitō Party  
Law  
Liberal Democratic Party  
Local and Regional Politics  
Narita Airport Incident  
National Elections  
Non-Party Political Activities  
Okinawa  
Prefectural Elections

Economic Conditions

Agricultural Production  
Balance of Payments  
Budget 1971, 1972  
Finance  
General Conditions  
Heavy Industry  
Light Industry  
Monetary System  
Resources  
Tax

Social Conditions

Construction  
Culture  
Education  
Emperor  
Environment  
Labor  
Medical Care  
Mishima Affair  
Religion  
Science and Technology  
Social Welfare  
Transportation

International Relations

China-Japan  
Europe-Japan  
Foreign Aid  
International Organization  
Korea-Japan  
Southeast Asia-Japan  
Trade-General  
U. S. A.-Japan 1) General  
                  2) Military  
                  3) Textile Negotiations  
                  4) Trade  
U. S. S. R.-Japan

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Appendix II

Organizations From Which Materials Are Received -- as of March 23, 1972

(1) Government Offices: more than 300 publications collected from the following:

Administration Agency  
Anti-Trust Committee  
Budget and Financing Agency  
Cabinet Secretariat  
Central Council on Education  
Economic Planning Agency  
Economic Planning Council  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
Ministry of Construction  
Ministry of Education  
Ministry of Finance  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Ministry of International Trade and Industry  
Ministry of Justice  
Ministry of Labor  
Ministry of Local Self-Government  
Ministry of Transportation and Communication  
National Defense Agency  
National Livelihood Council  
National Personnel Authority  
Office of the Prime Minister  
Science and Technology Agency  
Social Education Council  
Special Committee for Environmental Policy

(2) Political Parties and the Diet: more than 150 publications collected from:

All Japan Council for Promoting Clean and Just Elections  
Association for Clean Elections  
Democratic Socialist Party  
House of Councillors  
House of Representatives  
Japan Socialist Party  
Kōmei Party  
Liberal Democratic Party

(3) Local Government: some publications obtained from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Tokyo City Policy Research Council.

(4) Labor Unions: Dōmei, Gōkaiōren and Nikkyōso have been contacted for periodicals and publications. Sōhyō, Kokurō, Zentei and Chūritsurōren are to be contacted.

(5) Banks: the Center is on the mailing lists of:

Bank of Japan  
Dai-Ichi Bank (re-organized as the Dai-Ichi Kangyō Bank)  
Dai-Ichi Kangyō Bank  
Fuji Bank  
Industrial Bank of Japan  
Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan  
Mitsubishi Bank  
Mitsui Bank  
Nihon Kangyō Bank (re-organized as the Dai-Ichi Kangyō Bank)  
Yamato Bank

At present, the total number of issues is over 300.

(6) Finance and Business Organizations: Over 100 publications and periodicals obtained from:

Japan Council for Economic Development  
Japan Federation of Economic Organizations  
Japan Federation of Employers' Associations  
Japan Junior Chamber of Commerce  
Tokyo Junior Chamber of Commerce

Regular subscriptions of the Japan Economic Journal, the Japan Economic Review and the Japan Stock Journal have been added in January 1972.

Also contact with the following organizations has been made and we have received more than 30 publications:

Ajia Keizai Kenkyūsho  
JETRO  
Nihon Keizai Kenkyū Center  
Nihon Keizai Kenkyūsho  
Nomura Research Institute  
Nomura Securities, Ltd.  
U.S.-Japan Trade Council

(7) Research Institutes: publications are received from:

Ajia Chōsakai  
Association for the Advancement of Educational Research  
Association of Teachers of Japanese  
Business Intercommunications Inc.  
Institute of Statistical Mathematics (Sūri Tōkei Kenkyūsho)  
International Society for Educational Japan  
Japan Peace Research Group  
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science  
Kaigai Shōji Hömu Chōsakai  
Keizai Antei Honbu

Kokumin Kyōiku Kenkyūsho  
Kokumin Seiji Kenkyūkai  
Kokusai Jōsei Kenkyūkai  
Kokusai Tōshi Kenkyūsho  
Kyōdō Kumiai Keiei Kenkyūsho  
Kyōiku Kenkyū Shinkōkai  
Nihon Gakujutsu Shinkōkai  
Nihon Kokusai Mondai Kenkyūsho  
Sangyō Kōzō Shingikai  
Shinjidai Seron Kenkyūsho  
Shisō Undō Kenkyusho

(8) Mass Media: The Asahi Shimbun, the Yomiuri Shimbun, NHK and publishing companies have been contacted and more than 50 publications (including dictionaries) have been obtained.

(9) Individual article and papers: have also been obtained occasionally through suggestion by researchers and at present, 44 papers are indexed.

As of March 23, 1972, over 1,900 items (some publications are still in the process of indexing) have been received at Columbia from over 90 organizations and institutions. Periodicals are catalogued immediately upon arriving at the Center and other individual items are catalogued according to the organizations.

Over 90 periodicals have been received both on regular and irregular bases (see Appendix III: "Japan Documentation Center Periodicals -- as of March 23, 1972"). This includes the following eight Japanese monthly magazines and two weekly journals sent by air mail to the Center:

Asahi Journal  
Chūō Kōron  
Economist  
Jiyū  
Sekai  
Shimbun Digest  
Shimin  
Shokun  
Tenbō  
Ushio

Japan Documentation Center Periodicals -- as of March 23, 1972

Asahi Journal 朝日ジャーナル - The Asahi Shimbun 朝日新聞社

Asahi Shimbun 朝日新聞 - The Asahi Shimbun 朝日新聞社

Asia Quarterly 亞洲月刊 - The Asian Affairs Research Council 亞洲調査会

Boei Ronshu 防衛論集 - The National Defense College 防衛大学

Bulletin - The U.S. Department of State

Bungaku 文學 - The Iwanami Shoten 岩波書店

Bungei Shunju 文芸春秋 - Bungei Shunju-sha 文芸春秋社

Chogin Research - The Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan 日本長期信用銀行

Chosa 調査 - The Mitsubishi Bank 三菱銀行

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - Cabinet Research Bureau 内閣調査室

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - The Bank of Japan 日本銀行

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - The Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan 日本長期信用銀行

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - The Dai-Ichi Bank 第一銀行

Chosa Geppo 調査月報 - The Mitsui Bank 三井銀行

Chugai Tokuhō 中外特報 - Chugai Chosa-kai 中外調査会

Chuo Koron 中央公論 - Chuo Koron-sha 中央公論社

Dai-Ichi Kangin Quarterly - The Dai-Ichi Kangin Bank 第一勵銀銀行

DKB Chosa Geppo 第二調査月報 - The Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank 第一勵業銀行

DKB Economic Report - The Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank 第一勵業銀行

Daily Summary of Japanese Press - The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo

Domei 同盟 - All Japan Federation of Labor Unions

全日本労働総同盟

Domei Joho 同盟情報 - All Japan Federation of Labor Unions

全日本労働総同盟

Economist 週刊 - The Mainichi Shimbun 每日新聞社

Finance 月刊 - Ministry of Finance 大蔵省

Fuji Bank Bulletin - The Fuji Bank 富士銀行

Fuji Times 富士月刊 - The Fuji Bank 富士銀行

- Gaiji Tokuhō 外事特報 - Chugai Chosa-kai 中外調查会
- Geijutsu Shincho 藝術新潮 - Shincho-sha 新潮社
- Gekkan Goka 月刊公化 - Goka Roren 公化勞連
- Gekkan Seron Chosa 月刊也論調查 - Minister's Secretariat 総理府
- Genshiryoku Iinkai Geppo 原子力委員会月報 - Science and Technology Agency 科學技術庁
- Japan Economic Journal - The Sankei Shimbun
- Japan Economic Review - The Japan Economic Review Ltd.
- Japan Quarterly - The Asahi Shimbun
- Japan Report - The Consulate General of Japan
- Japan Socialist Review - Japan Socialist Party
- Japan Stock Journal - The Japan Journal
- Japan Times - The Japan Times, Ltd.
- JC Life 三十億 - Japan Junior Chamber of Commerce 日本青年会議所
- Jinji-in Geppo 人事院月報 - National Personnel Authority 人事院
- Jiyu 自由 - Jiyu-sha 自由社
- Junpo Current 旬報カレント - Showa Club 昭和クラブ
- Kazan 霞山 - Kazan-kai 霞山会
- K.D.K. Information - K.D.K. Kojimachi Institute
- Kangin News 勤銀ニ次 - The Nippon Kangyo Bank 日本勸業銀行
- KBS Bulletin on Japanese Culture - Kokusai Bunka Shinkokai 國際文化振興会
- Keidanren Review - Japan Federation of Economic Organizations
- Keizai Chosa 経済調査 - The Yamato Bank 大和銀行
- Keizai Geppo 経済月報 - The Sumitomo Bank 住友銀行
- Kiho Kokusai Josei 季報國際情勢 - Kokusai Josei Kenkyu-kai 國際情勢研究会
- Kikan Toa 季刊東亞 - Kazan-kai 霞山会
- Kinkan No Zasshi Kara 週刊の雑誌から - Cabinet Research Bureau 内閣調査室
- Koan Joho 公安情報 - Shakai Undo Kenkyu-kai 社会運動研究会

Appendix III  
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- Kogin Chosa 資銀調査 - The Industrial Bank of Japan 日本興業銀行
- Koho Antena 九報アントナ - The National Defense Agency 防衛省
- Kokumin Kyoiku Kenkyu 國民教育研究 - Kokumin Kyoiku Kenkyu-sho 國民教育研究所
- Komeito Press Releases - Komei-to 公明党
- Kosei Times - Rissho Kosei-kai 立正校成会
- Kyosan-ken Mondai 共産問題 - O-A Kyokai 歐了協会
- Minzoku To Seiji 民族と政治 - Minzoku To Seiji-sha 民族と政治社
- Mitsui Bank Monthly Review - The Mitsui Bank 三井銀行
- Monthly Economic Review - The Bank of Japan 日本銀行
- Monthly Report - The Dai-Ichi Bank 第一銀行
- Monthly Review - The Mitsui Bank 三井銀行
- Nikkei Business - Nikkei McGrawhill Co.
- Nikkeiren News (JFEA News) - Japan Federation of Employers' Association 日本経営者連合会
- Nomura No Keiei Report 野村の経営レポート - Nomura Securities 野村証券 国際連合
- Nomura Shuho 野村週報 - Nomura Research Institute 野村総合研究所
- NRI Quarterly Economic Review - Nomura Research Institute 野村総合研究所
- Pacific Community - Jiji Press 時事通信
- Rekishi To Jinbutsu 歴史と人物 - Chuo Koron-sha 中央公論社
- Seisaku Geppo 政策月報 - Liberal Democratic Party 自由民主党
- Sekai 世界 - Iwanami Shoten 岩波書店
- Shimbun Digest 新聞ダイジェスト - Nihon Sogo Shuppan Co. 日本総合出版株式会社
- Shimbun Geppo 新聞月報 - Shimbun Geppo-sha 新聞月報社
- Shimin 市民 - Keiso Shobo 劍草書房
- Shiso-kai 想界 - Shiso-kai-sha 想界社
- Shokun 論居 - Bungei Shunju-sha 文芸春秋社

- Shukan Roncho 週間諭調 - Cabinet Research Bureau 内閣調査室
- Soren Geppo ソ連月報 - Soren Mondai Kenkyu-kai ソ連問題研究会
- Sumitomo Bank Review - The Sumitomo Bank 住友銀行
- Summaries of Selected Japanese Magazines - The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo
- Tairiku Mondai 大陸問題 - Tairiku Mondai Kenkyusho 大陸問題研究所
- Techno-Chronology - Sangyo Keizai Kenkyu-kai 産業経済研究会
- Tenbo 展望 - Chikuma Shobo 筑摩書房
- Toho-gaku 東方学 - Toho Gakkai 東方学界
- Tokei-kyoku Kenkyu Iho 統計局研究彙報 - Minister's Secretariat 総理府
- Toki No Kadai 時の課題 - Jiji Mondai Kenkyu-sho 時事問題研究所
- Toyo Keizai Weekly 東洋経済 - Toyo Keizai Shimpo-sha 東洋経済新報社
- Trends of Japanese Magazines - The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo
- U.S. Monitor - Japan Center for International Exchange
- Ushio 潮 - Ushio Publishing Co. 潮出版社
- Weekly Review - The Bank of Tokyo